

several generations of patients, treated disaster victims and delivered over 400 babies in the clinic's four-bed maternity ward. Some patients were so loyal to Dr. Yaeger they traveled from as far as Georgia and the Bahamas regularly to see him. He counts among his more than 100,000 patients, Muhammad Ali, who came to his clinic while living in Miami in the 1960s. He continued an active Naturopathic and Chiropractic medical practice until 2005. Dr. Yaeger continues to serve on the executive board of the Yaeger Foundation, Inc. and is actively involved in the organization's establishment of the National Medical Museum.

Among Dr. Yaeger's many contributions, was his appointment as Chairman of the Florida Board of Naturopathic Medicine by Governors Rubin Askew and Bob Graham. He also provided internships to aspiring health care professionals and free medical services to indigent patients.

Dr. Yaeger has been the recipient of many other honors including the Florida Chiropractic Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. He has served as the President of the Florida Naturopathic Physicians Association and was a member of the Practice Parameters Advisory Committee of the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration. Outside his professional affiliations, Dr. Yaeger has been a civil rights activist that helped integrate many of Miami's segregated restaurants and hotels and is a Lifetime Member of the NAACP.

Dr. Yaeger and his late wife, Ollie, raised four children. He is now the proud grandfather of two grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. Carl Yaeger, Jr. for receiving this distinguished honor. He has given a lifetime of service to the medical community, and has had a tremendous impact on Miami and its people.

HONORING THE ROY CLASSEN FAMILY FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY 2006 OUTSTANDING FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to rise today to extend congratulations to the Roy Classen Family for being selected as the Escambia County 2006 Outstanding Farm Family of the Year. The Classen family has run an extremely successful farm in Northwest Florida for 39 years.

Classen is a Row Crop Producer, growing cotton, peanuts, corn, soybeans and wheat on his 515 acre farm in Walnut Hill. He raises cows as well. Classen and his wife, Miriam have been married 40 years and have four children and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my sincere commendation to a family that could serve as a role model to us all. A deep sense of work ethic and values has been instilled in the Roy Classen Family. It is my hope that this family tradition continues for many generations to come.

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HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, while later this month kids will talk of Santa Claus, today, December 6th, belongs to St. Nicholas. The Christian Bishop. The human Santa Claus.

In Europe, around 300 A.D. St. Nicholas, a devout Christian, gave away all of his possessions. And dedicated his life to helping the poor.

St. Nicholas wearing a long, red robe, would sneak into homes leaving fruits, chocolates, and small presents by the fireplace for families in need.

As word of his deeds spread, eager young children would hang stockings or leave out shoes hoping for a visit from St. Nicholas.

When St. Nicholas died in 343 A.D., an annual day of celebration was declared on the anniversary of his death—December 6th.

Across continents, throughout centuries, acts of generosity continued to be carried out in St. Nicholas' name.

Today the spirit of St. Nicholas is still celebrated.

Children leave their shoes by the door, awaking to the candy and gifts left by St. Nicholas.

St. Nicholas Day reminds us of the true meaning of the holiday season . . . giving to others and spreading goodwill among all. It's a good thing.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID E. JANSSEN

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. David E. Janssen and to thank him for his 40-year career as a public servant in the State of California. Our Nation owes him a debt of gratitude for his decades of dedicated public service.

In August 1996, Dr. Janssen became the ninth Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of Los Angeles County, a position that was created in 1938. He has been a superb leader and an inspiring example of personal integrity and dedication. He brought a wealth of fiduciary and operational knowledge gained through years of experience to his post that has resulted in prudent recommendations and sound oversight of the County's \$20 billion budget.

As CAO, Dr. Janssen has been responsible for a wide range of duties, including making financial recommendations to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors to bring more cost-efficient programs to better serve the public. He has worked closely with the 38 County Departments to make certain that Board policies and priorities have been implemented. He has monitored Countywide spending and recommended departmental budgets to the Board and ensured that Board-approved allocations are not exceeded.

Dr. Janssen has made sure that the Board's legislative and intergovernmental policies and objectives have been coordinated with the Board Offices, the Legislative Strategist, and

the offices in Sacramento and Washington, DC.

Dr. Janssen has coordinated capital projects/debt management, asset management, leasing and space management; administered insurance management programs; coordinated emergency preparedness and cost recovery efforts following major disasters; addressed unincorporated area issues; handled centralized security management for employees and facilities; advised Board offices and departments on international protocol issues; managed the County's employee relations program and compensation systems; coordinated centralized marketing programs; performed demographic and geographic research; coordinated centralized workplace programs, such as ride sharing, saving bonds, charity and volunteers; initiated and promoted activities which provide information about the County to the public; and provided centralized photographic and graphic art services.

Under Dr. Janssen's leadership, the CAO's office initiated an annual Vision Statement for the County that defined "core values" for providing public services, including integrity, commitment, accountability, professionalism, compassion, respect for diversity, and responsiveness. Dr. Janssen was instrumental in implementing a Strategic Plan in conjunction with the Vision Statement, which now includes six goals: Service Excellence; Workforce Excellence; Organizational Effectiveness; Fiscal Responsibility; Children and Families Well-Being; and Community Services.

Dr. Janssen has held memberships in several civic and professional organizations, including the United Way, on which he continues to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, and the Rotary. He also serves on the University of Southern California School of Policy, Planning and Development Board of Councilors. In addition, he is a member of the American Society of Public Administration and the National Academy of Public Administration, which honored him with the 2003 National Public Service Award given for exemplary public service.

Dr. Janssen has served our Nation, our State, and our County with honor and distinction. He is to be commended for his philosophy of open and honest government that provides easy access to information for employees and the public so they can meaningfully participate in the governmental process.

I ask my colleagues to join me and Dr. Janssen's many co-workers, family, friends, and associates in congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him health, happiness, and good fortune in his future endeavors.

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HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, one of the most important institutions in the region I represent in this House is the New England Council. No organization does a better job of advocating in a sensible and reasonable way for the economic interests of our area. The Council is composed largely of businesspeople and it is important to note that